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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/670,235	Applicant(s) MATSUDA ET AL.	
	Examiner Hoan H. Tran	Art Unit 2852	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 2,5,7-11 and 13-15 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,4,6 and 12 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 September 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☒ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☒ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>11/07/2003</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____ |

DETAILED ACTION

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Priority

1. Acknowledgment is made of applicant's claim for foreign priority based on an application filed in Japan on 09/30/2002. It is noted, however, that applicant has not filed a certified copy of the foreign priority application as required by 35 U.S.C. 119(b).

Oath/Declaration

2. Applicant is required to furnish an oath or declaration in proper form, identifying the application by application number and filing date.

Specification

3. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because:
 - There is a typo error in line 10; i.e. change "f or" to --for--.
 - It contains legal phraseology such as "said" and "means".Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).
4. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities:
 - Page 14, line 1, replace "meaning" with --means--.
 - Page 42, line 8, replace "5f" with --5f1--.

Appropriate correction is required.

5. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Objections

6. Claims 1, 3, 4, 6 and 12 are objected to because of the following informalities:

- Claim 1, line 13, replace “f or” with --for--.
- Claim 3, line 5, replace “t” with --the--.
- Claim 4, lines 5, 8 and 16, replace “t” with --the--.
- Claim 6, line 3, replace “t” with --the--.
- Claim 12, line 13, replace “f or” with --for--.

Appropriate correction is required.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte* Quayle, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

Allowable Subject Matter

7. Claims 1-15 are allowed.

Prior Art

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

- Matsuda et al. ['534] disclose a developer supply container.
- Wang et al. ['525] disclose cartridge with a replaceable toner container.
- Wang et al. ['145] disclose toner cartridge opening control arrangement.

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- Kunihiro et al. ['262] disclose a toner supply system and toner cartridge.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Hoan H. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-2141. The examiner can normally be reached from 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Arthur Grimley can be reached at (571) 272-2136. The central office fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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March 18, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Hoan Tran', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**HOAN TRAN
PRIMARY EXAMINER**